

Reasons For Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
2. The primary reason for allowance of the claims is the inclusion of "*means for creating digital digests on data*" from the sender/computer and receiver/computer in all of the claims. Van Hoff et al. Patent no. 5,919,247 has any means for creating digital digests on data from receiver/computer.

The Examiner's interpretation of the claim language is based upon Applicant's responses filed on 12/03/2003 (pager # 23D, pages 12-14; 19-24), and the enabling portions of the specification, pages 3-8, 13-17). Therefore, Applicant's arguments are considered persuasive with regard to patentability of the instant claims.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. **Claims 1-21, 23-24, 26-33, 35-36, and 40 which are renumbered as 1-34** are allowed.

Examiner Amendment/Comments

5. Based on the phone interview with Applicants' representative, Mr. David Chan, reg.# 51,540, on 10 December 2003, the dependent claim 23 depends on the independent claim 21 and the dependent claim 24 depends on the independent claim 21 as originally filed.

Priority

6. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Israel on 18 September 1998. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the 126,292 foreign application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hai V. Nguyen whose telephone number is 703-306-0276. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30 Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Harvey can be reached on 703-305-9705. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3800/4700.

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